Information Further to Ministerial Answers

Information further to OAQ(3)0981(FM) issued by Rhodri Morgan, the First Minister, June 2008

To Joyce Watson:

I am writing following your question to me during First Minister's Questions on 6 May about widening the scope of the domestic abuse strategy. Brian, the Minister with responsibility for these matters and I agreed to consider writing to you after Cabinet had discussed the Cabinet Paper on Forced Marriage and Honour Based Crime forum.

I understand that subsequently, on 20 May, Dr. Brian Gibbons, the Cabinet Minister for Social Justice attended the All Party Group on Trafficking of Women and Children which you chaired and provided an overview of the ongoing work the Assembly Government is undertaking to end violence against women in all its forms, highlighting the work we are doing in response to forced marriage and honour based crime.

I do hope that this reassures you about our commitment to respond strongly to these matters.